

**Recognition of Pastor Ron Glusenkamp's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**  
**Sunday, August 14, 2011 – 9:00 am Service**

Kevin Dempsey: My name is Kevin Dempsey, and Pastor, it's a great honor for me, to really publically thank you for your continuing encouragement and exhortation of the Holy Hammers and Habitat for Humanity ministry here at Bethany. It's really through your vision and pushing of us to think of things differently and your generous support! Through that, you have blessed me, this congregation, and most importantly, about 15 families throughout the Metro area. Congratulations and may God continue to bless you, your family, and your ministry.

Leslie Schopp: Through the deepest valley our family has even walked, you were there, ever-present, reminding us of who we are and whose we are. It was a blessing that kept us afloat then, and continues to bless us as we move closer to God, our Father, everyday. We hope this knowledge blesses you, Pastor Ron.

David Furgason: Pastor Ron, many good things can be said about you, and the blessings that you have brought to us at Bethany. For me, you've been an inspiration for more in-depth study of the Bible, and the application of that to our everyday lives. You are truly a teacher and a blessing.

Andrea Spronk: I'm Andrea Spronk, and Pastor Ron, you inspired me last Fall to walk a marathon with you and Bethany's other Faithful Soles. I was reminded from 2 Timothy: I have fought the good fight, I have won the race, I have kept the faith! Keep us walking in the faith, Pastor!

Derek Birzniaks: Pastor Ron, my family and I are just blessed to have you in our lives. You're always there for us, through our recent family loss and our grief process, and you're not only an outstanding Pastor but you're an outstanding friend.

Lisa Christian: Pastor Ron, you have inspired families at Bethany to be intentional about Faith Formation in our children. You've equipped and empowered us with research and tools that are relevant to today's society, and finally, you have unleashed us, and our future generations, into the world to continue God's good work.

Warren Miller: Pastor Ron has shown me, by his example, how the power of faith and works together can make this world a better place for all God's people. And Pastor Ruth Ann has already said these words from Matthew's Gospel, but they bear repeating: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven. And Martin Luther also said "Faith without works is dead." We're very happy that you're here – very much!

Paul Walker: I wanted to say, first of all, Pastor Ron, thank you for being a friend, for sharing your wisdom and experience with us here at Bethany and for pushing us all into ministry past our own comfort and vision was. So, thanks very much.

Doug Aldrich: Pastor Ron, we worked closely during my two years as Council President, and in Bethany's challenging times, you both led and served us well. You remind me of my favorite adage: we remember people, not for what they say, but for what they do. We honor people not for what they do, but for who they have become. Thank you for your 30 years of ministry – the blessings, you've given so many!

Lynne Butler: Thanks be to God and to you, Ron, for believing that no one in this world and especially not in Denver, Colorado, should be going hungry. I'm Lynne, the Director of Metro CareRing, and you, I believe, are the passionate love of Jesus. Thank you for continuing to work hard and to challenge all of us so that someday it will be true that all have enough.

Marie Friedemann: In addition to Pastor Ron's ministry here at Bethany, he has another calling, and that's to his wife, Sue Ann. Sue Ann has supported Pastor Ron through his calls and has been a partner in his life as well as in his ministry. She has graciously shared with Bethany her passion for WELCA, for Health and Wellness Task Force, and for singing in the choir. Sue Ann, thank you, for your love of Pastor Ron and for your love of the church and this church. Would you mind sharing, with Sue Ann and Pastor Ron, your gifts of thanks and applause. I think most of us know that ministry demands much from an individual and also much from a couple, and so we would like to give Sue Ann not only an acknowledgement of our appreciation as a church, but also a gift of some Sabbath rest for the two of them in the mountains sometime soon.